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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES Under 37 C.F.R. §1.191

Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-11, 14, 15, and 21-29 of the above-referenced application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed October 25, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$320.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for filing this Notice of Appeal as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Also enclosed is a Petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, extending the period of response for January 25, 2003 to February 25, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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